

One in nine New Jersey households, or nearly 750,000 people, are food insecure. 300,000 are children. Scouting for Food is one of the nation's largest food drives that Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturing Crews participate in to support their local food pantries and hunger-relief agencies. Patriots' Path Council is partnering with four regional food hubs (in Union, Somerset, Morris and Middlesex counties) to offer an opportunity for your troop to fight hunger while learning about the issue of food insecurity in our neighborhoods. Here's how it works:



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Select the dates for your drive. The first date will be for distribution of bags and materials, and the second should be one week later to pick up donations and deliver them to the pantries/agencies. We are encouraging groups to conduct your drive sometime between January and April to avoid the busy holiday season and supply the pantry at a time when donations are low.

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Seek out adult volunteers to support your community by helping distribute bags and flyers in your neighborhood and by picking up collected food items. Alternatively, you can coordinate a one-day food collection event at your school or, with the store manager's approval, outside a local grocery store.

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Contact the food drive coordinator at your selected Pantry to arrange for pickup of reusable bags and flyers. At this time you can schedule the drop off of food donations and if available, arrange for a tour and a short service activity.

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Deliver your donations! Please see reverse side of flyer for instructions on how to set up the drop off of your donations.

Contact Information

Morris County

Interfaith Food Pantry Network

2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ

www.mcifp.org · Text 'hunger' to 26-989 to donate

Contact Kiley Powell at the kpowell@mcifp.org or call 973-538-8049 x 236 to arrange food drop off and tours. Tours and service activity last about 1- 1.5 hours.

Middlesex County

Replenish

Middlesex County

28 Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 850, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Contact replenish@co.middlesex.nj.us or 732-729-0880 to discuss food drive support with flyer template, containers or donation pick up, as well as independent volunteer service activities or tours.

www.middlesexcountynj.gov/replenish

Somerset County

Food Bank of Somerset County

7E Easy Street, Middlebrook Crossroads Industrial Park, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Contact Steve Katz at steve@somersetfoodbank.org or call 732-560-1813 to arrange food drop off.
www.somersetfoodbank.org

Franklin Food Bank

224 Churchill Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873

Contact Allie O'Brien at aobrien@ftfb.us or call 732-246-0009 to arrange food drop off.
www.franklinfoodbank.org

Sussex County

Sparta Community Food Bank

99 Demarest Rd, Sparta Township, NJ 07871

Contact Valerie Machio at valeriemacchio007@gmail.com to to arrange food drop off.
www.spartacommunityfoodpantry.org

Union County

St. Joseph's Social Service Center

118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Contact Corey Wu-Jung at cwujung@sjeliz.org or call 908-354-5456 ext. 412 to arrange food drop off. Tours and service learning activities may also be arranged and would last about 1 hour.
www.sjeliz.org